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Joseph Fielding Smith, with the following assistants: Andrew Jensen, Brigham H. Roberts, and A. William Lund.

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At the request of President Heber J. Grant, Elder David O. McKay read the financial report as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for the year 1932:

Stake and Ward Purposes:

There has been returned from the tithes to the stakes and

wards for the construction of ward and stake meeting houses	\$ 240,511.15
For ward maintenance expenses	658,103.05
For stake maintenance expenses	226,179.58
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	\$1,124,793.78

Education:

Expended for the maintenance of Church school system..\$ 609,467.95

Temples:

Expended for the maintenance and operation of temples.. 166,475.96

Charities:

For the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment 272,163.64

Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of all the missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions 871,908.21

Total\$3,044,809.54

which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for charities and mission activities.

Other Charities:

In addition to charities paid from the tithes as before named, there has also been disbursed the fast offerings, other charities and assistance rendered by the Relief Society in the sum of \$443,680.00, which amount, added to the \$272,163.64 paid from the tithes, makes the total charity assistance rendered by the Church..\$ 715,843.64

Expended for the Maintenance of Missionaries:

There has been collected by the various wards of the Church and paid to missionaries to assist in their maintenance 45,844.93

Average cost per missionary in the missions during the year 1932, \$31.80 per month, or a total of \$381.60 per year per missionary. There was an average of 1,392 missionaries in the various missions during 1932, making a total average expense for the year 531,187.20

Estimated average earnings per missionary \$900.00 per year multiplied by 1,392, average number of missionaries, makes an estimated total of what these missionaries might have earned if at home of 1,252,800.00

\$1,783,987.20

which, added to the amount collected in the various wards as before named 45,844.93

makes a total of \$1,829,832.13

the estimated contribution of missionaries and their families to the Church for the preaching of the Gospel.

STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA COMPILED FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR
THE YEAR 1932

There are at the present time: 104 Stakes of Zion; 936 Wards; 76 Independent Branches; 31 Dependent Branches, or a total of 1,043 wards and branches in the stakes of Zion. There are 30 missions (including the European Mission), 967 mission branches, and 216 districts.

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and missions 19,722
Children baptized in the stakes and missions 15,283
Converts baptized in the stakes and missions 7,825
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1932. 1,179
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1932. 11
Number of local missionaries 70

Total number of missionaries on foreign missions 1,260
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes 1,305

Total Missionaries 2,565
Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home 348
Persons recommended to the temples from the stakes 67,728

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate, 28.3 per thousand.
Marriage rate, 13 per thousand.
Death rate, 7 per thousand.
Families owning their own homes, 64.2 per cent.

CHANGES IN STAKE AND MISSION OFFICERS SINCE LAST OCTOBER
CONFERENCE

Mission President Appointed:

B. Piranian appointed President of the Armenian Mission.

Mission President Released:

President Newel J. Cutler released from the Tongan Mission. Elder Verl L. Stubbs appointed to take charge of the mission.

Independent Branches Organized:

Rolapp Branch, Carbon Stake.
Stockton Branch, Tooele Stake.
Lomita Branch, Los Angeles Stake.

General Authority who has Passed Away:

Joseph W. McMurrin of the First Council of Seventy.

Bishops who have Passed Away:

Joseph H. Lake, of the Sixteenth Ward, Salt Lake Stake, and also City Commissioner.

Frank Pingree of the University Ward, Ensign Stake, and Superintendent of the L. D. S. Hospital.

Others who have Passed Away:

George Careless, former leader of the Tabernacle Choir.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

It is a source of gratitude and thanksgiving to me that I am permitted to be with you today at this General Conference. I desire to extend to the Saints at home and abroad, and to many friends not of our faith, my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of fellowship, good will and love that have been extended to me since my return home; for the many letters that were written to me by the people of the Church, and those not of the Church, and for the many calls from friends while I was in the hospital.

GRATEFUL FOR EVIDENCES OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL

I am grateful beyond expression for all of these evidences of friendship and good will, and particularly am I grateful to the Saints for their prayers and supplications to our Heavenly Father in my behalf during my illness. It is a source of a great deal of satisfaction to me to have received so many evidences of good will from people during my sickness.

I believe there is no time in one's life when one feels and appreciates more evidences of friendship than when one is seriously sick, and I am pleased to say that some of the letters I received were altogether unexpected, and many of the calls I had while in the hospital were also unexpected. At times my room in the hospital almost suggested a funeral, because of the great quantity of beautiful flowers there nearly all the time I was in the hospital.

WOULD SOLVE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS

I have been thinking very seriously of the wonderful condition that the world is in today during the great depression all over the globe, and I am convinced in my own mind, without shadow of a doubt, that a revelation, covering only one page, given by the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth, to the Prophet Joseph Smith, would solve the problems of the world if it were obeyed by the inhabitants of the earth, not only solve the problems in our own country but in every country. In thinking of what I should say here today in my opening remarks I decided that I would read this revelation.

There are a great many men and women, in fact the great majority of all the people in the world believe that Joseph Smith was a false